

## ABSTRACT

A miniature receptacle having female contacts of the type which are not uncovered when a mating plug is not inserted is provided. A insulative socket housing(1) has an opening part(11) into which a plug having male contacts of the dual in-line type is inserted. A polarity of female contact(2) are arrayed in parallel on a pair of inner walls forming the opening part(11) to be opposed each other across the opening part(11). A shutter(3) is disposed within the opening part(11). The shutter shields a front face of the opening part(11) when the plug is removed and retracts towards a rear face of the opening part when the plug is inserted. A pair of compressed coil springs (5) are provided within the opening part(11) and give force to move the shutter(3).